

## NOTES AND NEWS

Dr. H. A. Spoehr has resigned his position as chairman of the Division of Plant Biology, Carnegie Institution of Washington with headquarters at Stanford University, in order to join the Rockefeller Foundation as director of the natural science departments. He continues his duties with the Carnegie Institution until September 1.

At present, seven workers comprise the scientific staff at the Carnegie Laboratory on the Stanford University campus. Those engaged in researches on photosynthesis are Dr. H. A. Spoehr, Dr. James H. C. Smith, Dr. Harold Strain, and Harold W. Milner. The workers in experimental taxonomy are Dr. H. M. Hall, Dr. David D. Keck, and William M. Heusi.

Among those who have recently been elected to membership in the Society are: Dr. D. H. Campbell, Stanford University; Miss M. E. Grinnell, Berkeley; Mrs. S. W. Hutchinson, Los Angeles; Mrs. M. McCollum, Oakland; Miss Elsie Osgood, New Jersey; Mr. Eric Walther, San Francisco; Mr. Waldo E. Wood, Susanville.

Volume I of "Madroño" was completed with the seventeenth issue which contained frontispiece, title page, and index. The volume is now available from the secretary of the Society at \$5 per volume. A limited number of earlier issues, except number 6, are available at the cost of fifty cents each to members of the Society and others who wish to complete their sets.

Dr. Elmer D. Merrill, who for the last six years was Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of California, became Director-in-Chief of the New York Botanical Garden, Jan. 1, 1930.

At Berkeley, the biological departments of the University of California now occupy the new Life Science Building, completed during the past spring. The entire Botany Department, including the herbarium and the department library, is now installed in the new building.

"A Geographic and Taxonomic Study of the California Species of the Genus *Ceanothus*" by H. E. McMinn, which appeared in the fourth number of Contributions from the Dudley Herbarium, Stanford University (June, 1930), is a synopsis of the genus as it occurs in California. The paper opens with a consideration of the origin and subsequent migration of the species and a discussion of criteria for limiting sections and species. In "Some Undescribed Plants from the Pacific States" (*loc. cit.*) Elmer I. Applegate describes a new species of *Mertensia* and of *Erythronium* from Oregon and a new *Erythronium*, *E. tuolumnense*, from the foothills of the Sierra Nevada in Tuolumne County, California.